



# News Release

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## **CARE Gallery Seeking Donations**

The City of Columbia's CARE (Career Awareness Related Experience) program is seeking donations of wooden furniture for youth artists to paint this summer as part of the CARE Gallery.

Donations may include items such as chairs, tables or stools in good condition. The painted furniture will be displayed and sold at the CARE youth artist exhibit at PS Gallery in July.

The CARE Gallery is an art-related job site. Last summer, 17 youth worked at the Gallery's art studio. They created educational cards for the School House, a local minority daycare; made processional pieces for the City's First Night celebration; managed children's art activities for the Voluntary Action Center's Lunch in the Park program; and completed projects in ceramics, painting, origami and collage.

Proceeds from sales of the painted furniture will be used to fund next year's art projects. Furniture can be dropped off on weekdays at the CARE office at 800 N. Providence, Suite 210. Please call CARE in advance at 874-6300 to arrange furniture donations.

The CARE program is an eight-week summer youth employment and education program serving local youth from the ages of 14-18. Participating youth work with local employers to develop job skills, earn money, learn to make and keep work commitments, and build positive relationships with people in the community.